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Availability of Surplus Coal
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is facing the problem of availability of surplus coal and its sale in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the coal companies are still importing the coal even after its availability in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the same;

(c) the total quantum of coal imported along with the total foreign exchange outgo from the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government is now working on a plan to end dependency on coal imports in the country and if so, the details thereof and the estimated quantum of foreign exchange likely to be saved; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make India self-sufficient in coal production and to ensure supply of good quality of coal to the consumers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR COAL, POWER, NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)
(a): As per the initial estimate, the demand for coal in 2016-17 is estimated to be 884.87 MT against which supply plan from indigenous sources has been planned to be 724.71 MT (CIL : 598.61 MT; SCCL : 58 MT & Other sources including captive blocks : 68.10 MT) leaving a demand supply gap of 160.16 MT to be met through imports by consuming sectors.

(b):In accordance to the Presidential Directive issued to Coal India Limited (CIL) and under the provision of new Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA), option is given to Power utility sector consumers to opt for supply of a part of Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) from imported coal through CIL. No Thermal Power Plant/Coal company has approached CIL for supply of imported coal for 2016-17. As coal is an item under Open General License (OGL), it can also be imported directly by the consumers.

(c): The details of import of coal and value during the last three years and current year are given below.

Year	Import (Mte.)	Value (Million Rupees)
2013-14	166.86	923292
2014-15	217.78	1045066
2015-16	199.88	845035
2016-17	86.59@	334893

@ (Upto, August, 2016)

(d) & (e): On account of increased production by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) in 2015-16, coal imports have fallen from 217.78 Mte. in 2014-15 to 199.88 Mte. in 2015-16. In order to meet coal demand internally and make India self-sufficient in coal production, the focus of the Government is on increasing the domestic production from indigenous sources which includes efforts to expedite Environment & Forest clearances, land acquisition and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of Coal. A roadmap has been prepared by CIL to enhance production of coal to 1 billion tonnes by 2019-20. This includes capacity addition from new projects, use of mass production technologies and identification of existing on-going projects with growth potential.